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1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. H11-046343, published February 16, 1999 (previously submitted on June 11, 2003).
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. H09-9199, published January 10, 1997.
3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. H09-74299, published March 18, 1997.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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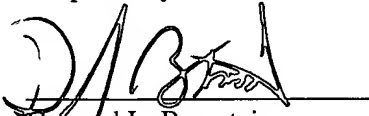
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Note (For a list of the cited literature, see the List of Cited Literature.)

Regarding Claims 1 to 19:

Cited Literature Number: 1, 2, 3

Remarks: Although in Cited Example 1 there is a comparison to a facial image and a videotape is made if the comparison is successful, in Cited Examples 2 and 3, a comparison is made between and inputted voice signal and a specified query voice signal, and if the comparison is successful a videotape is made.

When it comes to whether to use a facial image or some other image as the image for comparison, or when the comparison has been successful, whether to start videotaping or stop videotaping, these are design issues that can be determined as appropriate by an individual in the industry.

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